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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - JANUARY 25

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE, FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR
JANUARY 25, 1977:

MR. BROWN: GOOD AFTERNOON. IT IS MY HONOR TO INTRODUCE
TO YOU HODDING CARTER, OUR NEW SPOKESMAN.

MR. CARTER: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I AM NOW HERE FOR A
DAY AND A HALF. I WILL BE FUNCTIONING BOTH AS SPOKESMAN,
AS YOU KNOW, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS.
BOTH OF THOSE AREAS, AFTER A DAY AND A HALF, ARE AREAS IN
WHICH I AM NOTABLY IGNORANT, AND FOR THE NEXT WEEK, I AM
GOING TO TRY TO LIVE UP TO WHAT I PROMISED MYSELF WHEN I
TOOK THIS JOB, WHICH WAS THAT I WOULD BE EITHER AS OPEN
AS POSSIBLE -- AND CERTAINLY AS KNOWLEDGEABLE AS POSSIBLE --
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OR SAY NOTHING. I AM, THEREFORE, GOING TO SAY NOTHING FOR
FIVE DAYS, AT ANY RATE. FRED BROWN WILL CONTINUE TO DO THE
BRIEFINGS AT LEAST THROUGH THIS WEEK. AS SOON AS I KNOW
WHEN CONFIRMATION HEARINGS ARE GOING TO BE HELD FOR ME,
IN PARTICULAR, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NEW GROUP HERE, I
WILL HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF WHEN I WILL FEEL SAFE IN

CONDUCTING BRIEFINGS THROUGHOUT. BUT SINCE THE TWO
JOBS ARE NOW COMBINED, I AM IN THE SOMEWHAT AWKWARD
POSITION OF NOT BEING SURE WHETHER I SHOULD SPEAK IN
ONE CAPACITY UNTIL I AM CONFIRMED IN THE OTHER.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU. SOME OF YOU
I HAVE KNOWN BEFORE; MOST OF YOU, I HAVE NOT. AND FOR
THE TIME BEING, THE OFFICE IN WHICH I WILL BE MOST
REACHABLE WILL BE IN THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE, BUT
EITHER PLACE IS THE PLACE YOU CAN CALL ME AND THE
MESSAGE WILL GET TO ME. THANK YOU.

Q. OVER THE WEEKEND THERE WAS A STORY IN THE BOSTON GLOBE ABOUT A RECOMMENDATION MADE FROM THE OUTGOING STATE DEPARTMENT TO THE NEW STATE DEPARTMENT ON ARMS SALES POLICIES. WAS THIS, IN FACT, AN OFFICIAL RECOMMENDATION OR WAS IT A SORT OF INFORMAL PAPER AND WHAT BEARING, IF ANY, DOES IT HAVE ON THE POLICIES OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION?

A. WELL, I THINK THE PRESIDENT YESTERDAY IN HIS RATHER LENGTHY INTERVIEW ADDRESSED THIS SUBJECT IN SOME DETAIL POINTING OUT THE NECESSITY FOR REDUCING ARMS SALES AND THE NEED FOR RESTRAINT ON FUTURE COMMITMENTS.

NOW, WHATEVER THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE DOING ON THIS SUBJECT WILL BE IN THE CONTEXT OF A POLICY LAID DOWN BY THE PRESIDENT. I WOULD NOT WANT TO GET INTO WHAT PAPERS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN OR MAY HAVE NOT BEEN WRITTEN ON THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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PARTICULAR SUBJECT, WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY A VERY IMPORTANT ONE, FROM THIS FORUM.

I WOULD SAY SIMPLY THAT THE PROBLEM--THE QUESTION HAS BEEN VERY MUCH UNDER STUDY, BUT REALLY NOT GOING FURTHER THAN THAT.

Q. FRED, DO YOU HAVE EXAMPLES IN MIND OR THAT YOU CAN CITE ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT FOR THE NEED OF REDUCING THESE ARMS SALES TO WHAT COUNTRIES? HE SPEAKS PARTICULARLY OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

A. I WOULDN'T WANT TO CITE ANY SPECIFIC EXAMPLES HERE.

Q. WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO CITE THEM?

A. I THINK YOU SHOULD REALLY ADDRESS THE QUESTION ELSEWHERE FOR SPECIFIC EXAMPLES THAT HE MAY HAVE HAD IN MIND.

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